

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 116

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 116—Relative to California
Lab Day.

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ACR 116, as introduced, Hill. California Lab Day.

This measure would proclaim May 10, 2010, as California Lab Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama announced on Monday,
- 2 November 23, 2009, a campaign, entitled “Educate to Innovate,”
- 3 to reinvigorate student interest in science, technology, engineering,
- 4 and math (STEM) education in order to promote competitiveness
- 5 in American students’ math and science skills; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Part of the “Educate to Innovate” campaign
- 7 includes the declaration of a National Lab Day, a grassroots
- 8 initiative designed to reinvigorate STEM education in the nation’s
- 9 schools and after school programs, and lead to increased United
- 10 States competitiveness; and
- 11 WHEREAS, More than 200 public and private sector
- 12 organizations have pledged support for National Lab Day,

1 including the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation,
2 the National Science Teachers Association, the National Science
3 Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Jack D.
4 Hidary Foundation, the American Chemistry Society, the National
5 Institutes of Health, and the Business Roundtable; and

6 WHEREAS, California is a leader in the biomedical and
7 high-technology industries, which together employ over 700,000
8 Californians in solid wage careers; and

9 WHEREAS, California suffers from a shortage of skilled
10 workers in scientific industries who possess the appropriate level
11 of math and science competency required to fuel innovation within
12 the Golden State's technology sectors, impeding our ability to
13 challenge global competitors; and

14 WHEREAS, California's leaders within the K–14 and higher
15 education systems, as well as the Legislature and Governor's office,
16 have expressed an urgent need to develop the next generation of
17 scientific researchers by encouraging young Californians to pursue
18 these exciting fields of study; and

19 WHEREAS, California's ethnic diversity puts the state in a
20 prime position to develop the scientific talents of all of its students,
21 including those from groups that have been historically
22 underrepresented in science and technology, including women,
23 minorities, and persons with disabilities; and

24 WHEREAS, Given the growing threat to America's preeminence
25 in science and technology, recognizing the innovative research
26 that takes place in California's biomedical and high-technology
27 research laboratories is critical to raising student and public
28 awareness of the next generation of scientific leaders; and

29 WHEREAS, The health and economic benefits provided to our
30 state by the businesses and institutions involved in the full range
31 of scientific industries are numerous; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 10, 2010,
34 as California Lab Day, in conjunction with the National Lab Day,
35 and extends its support to students of all ages who are interested
36 in STEM education; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
38 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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